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FOR USE IN ULTRASONIC LENGTH MEASUREMENTS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 22, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.

BROWN is only cited for the teaching of a third circumferential surface at an angle of 35° contiguously provided with a thread. BROWN does not teach or suggest what is recited in claims 21 and 31.

As set forth above, neither DAF nor KIBBLEWHITE teach or suggest what is recited in claims 21 and 31. Since claims 26 and 36 depend from claims 21 and 31, respectively and further define the invention, the proposed combination of references would not render obvious claims 26 and 36.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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